SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

Mount Auburn Cemetery.

JANUARY 1, 1892.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

FOR 1891,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

SIXTIETH YEAR.

BOSTON:
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OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION FOR 1892.

Trustees.

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN	*Term expires in*	1892.
JEROME JONES	" "	1892.
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SAMUEL R. PAYSON	" "	1894.
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HENRY A. RICE	" "	1895.
CHANNING CLAPP	" "	1895.
J. MONTGOMERY SEARS	" "	1896.
CHARLES F. CHOATE	" "	1896.
RICHARD M. HODGES	" "	1897.
DAVID R. WHITNEY	" "	1897.

President.

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN.

Treasurer.

H. B. MACKINTOSH.

Secretary,

L. G. FARMER.

Superintendent.

J. W. LOVERING.

Office of the Corporation.
5 TREMONT STREET,
BOSTON.

Office of the Superintendent.
AT THE CEMETERY.
P. O. ADDRESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS

Orders for work on lots may be given at the office of the Superintendent or sent by mail to his address.

SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees herewith submit the sixtieth annual report, together with the reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer.

The condition of the funds is as follows: —

The Repair Fund, which represents the amounts accumulated for the perpetual care of lots, has increased to $685,426.81, and shows a gain for the year of $41,726.56, which mainly represents amounts paid to the Treasurer during the year for the care of additional lots; the whole fund being held in trust for the care and repair of designated lots.

The Permanent Fund, on which dependence is placed for general expenses after all available lots shall have been sold, amounts to $309,379.77, showing a gain of $11,271.22.

The General Fund, on which we rely for improvements and renewals while the Permanent Fund is accumulating, has increased to $83,255.78, a gain for the year of $8,767.24.

The new catalogue, which it was stated in the last report was under preparation, has been issued during the past year, copies of which can be obtained free by proprietors, who have not received them, on application at the Treasurer's office.

It was stated in the last report that "to complete the water-works, about two thousand feet more of iron pipe should be laid in the coming year." This distance and about four hundred and fifty feet more of iron pipe have been laid; and our water system is now so complete that by the use of three hundred feet of hand hose any lot in the cemetery can be reached. This is a great advantage in so dry and sandy a soil as that of our cemetery; as by the free use of

water the expense of keeping in order the numerous lots now under perpetual care is largely reduced. A meter connection has also been made with the water-pipes of the city of Cambridge, to supplement our own supply should deficiency from any cause temporarily occur.

For several years we have needed more plants for our annual supply than our greenhouse accommodations have been able to furnish. It is estimated that not less than seventy thousand bedding plants are required by the proprietors for ornamental purposes. To supply so large a number we have been obliged to have recourse to hot-beds, which are unsatisfactory, and far from economical. It has been thought best, therefore, to put up another greenhouse, which is now nearly ready for use. It has been erected under the plans and supervision of the Superintendent, who thus describes it: "The new greenhouse, which is one hundred and seven feet long and thirty feet wide, is constructed of seven iron T beams, tied together by angle irons, supported every nine feet by light iron columns set in concrete. Each pane of glass measures twenty by thirty inches, and rests upon cypress mullions bolted to the T irons. Heat is supplied by eighteen rows of two-inch pipe filled with hot water."

Our landscape-lawn system of laying out the cemetery, which was adopted in the new part of our grounds, is generally admitted to be a success. It dispenses with fences, curbings and other perishable structures; while the general effect of grassy lawns and undulating surfaces is gratifying to the eye, especially if aided by contrasts of color in the flowering shrubs and ornamental trees. In the older part of the cemetery it is the aim of the Trustees to introduce the features of the landscape lawn as far as possible. Where proprietors of contiguous lots are willing to unite for this purpose, it is often easy to make great improvements in the grading. It is highly desirable to change the objectionable grades of the old lots, which were originally shaped by individual proprietors to suit their own tastes, without any regard to the neighboring lots and the general

appearance of the cemetery. In making such improvements the Trustees will always be found ready to co-operate.

They would again call the attention of proprietors to the subject of the removal of granite curbings and iron fences. This is done without expense to the proprietors, as stated on page 15 of this report.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN,
President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn:

GENTLEMEN, — I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending Dec. 31, 1891.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of	new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	53
"	old lots improved by being graded and sodded	50
"	old lots bounded with granite posts	8
"	lots enclosed with granite	0
"	lots enclosed with iron fence	0
"	lots furnished with granite or iron numbers	57
"	tombs removed	3
"	headstones erected	385
"	monuments erected	59
"	iron fences removed	45
"	granite curbings removed	4

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last report		28,149
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1891	520	
" removals from other cemeteries	35	
Total number of interments for the year		555
" " " in cemetery		28,704
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb	25	
" " " " " interments in public lots	36	

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

To public lots	3	
To private lots	53	
Total removals within the cemetery		56
" " from the cemetery		25
Total number of removals		81

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVERING,

Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

MOUNT AUBURN, Dec. 31, 1891.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year			$14,887.21
He has received from sundry parties, —			
For sale of lots	$22,598.85		
" deposits in receiving tombs	772.00		
		$23,370.85	
For deeds, transfers, etc.		176.00	
" labor and material on lots		55,776.29	
Interest on loan		2,804.55	
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, for income on Permanent Fund		8,000.00	
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for one quarter part of expenditures, as follows: —			
Grading Birch to Eagle and Cherry avenues	$243.75		
" Glen avenue (Watriss lot)	410.81		
One quarter of	$654.56	163.64	
			90,291.33
			$104,678.54

FOR THE 60TH YEAR, 1891.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties, —			
For labor (pay roll)	$37,108.10		
" materials	11,587.58		
" repairs of buildings and fences	1,557.40		
" account new greenhouse	1,932.95		
" new water main	2,958.47		
		$55,144.50	
For expenses, — salaries		7,900.00	
" office expenses		1,821.57	
" taxes on real estate		753.96	
" catalogues		984.67	
" investment		7,000.00	
To amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales		5,475.96	
" amount paid Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for Permanent Fund		7,421.28	
" graves purchased	$55.00		
" receiving tomb drawbacks	12.00		
		67.00	
			$86,568.94
Balance in hands of Treasurer			18,109.60
			$104,678.54

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last report		$1,190.28
He has received, —		
From notes receivable	$33,100.00	
" endowments	32,550.75	
" income of investments	30,760.81	
		96,411.56
		$97,601.84
He has paid for said account, —		
For care and improvement of lots	$21,585.03	
" notes receivable	69,000.00	
		$90,585.03
Balance in hands of Treasurer		7,016.81
		$97,601.84

REPAIR FUND.

PROPERTY.

Endowments for perpetual repair of lots, as per last report,	$643,700.28	
Additions during the year	41,726.53	
		$685,426.81
Invested as follows: —		
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage	$660,600.00	
$10,000 Boston City Bonds	9,710.00	
30 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,970.00	
20 shares Atlantic National Bank, cost	2,700.00	
20 shares Shawmut National Bank, cost	2,430.00	
		$678,410.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer		7,016.81
		$685,426.81

GENERAL FUND.

CASH ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer		$18,109.60
Notes receivable		60,000.00
Bills for labor and material uncollected	$8,673.01	
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	3,526.83	
		5,146.18
		$83,255.78

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, as per last report		$298,108.55
Deposited in December, 1891	$7,421.28	
Interest	3,849.94	
		11,271.22
		$309,379.77

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, chapel and statuary, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house, and 5,620 feet of land on Mount Auburn street, Superintendent's house, greenhouses, and 61,170 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn streets, the Coolidge lot on Grove street, containing about six acres, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1892.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The certificates of stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the general account there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $18,109.60, and in the fund for repairs, $7,016.81.

T. QUINCY BROWNE,
HENRY A. RICE, } *Committee on Finance.*

JANUARY 15, 1892.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Art. VIII. of the By-Laws as follows: —

Donation in Trust. — "The Trustees may receive in trust from a Proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided."

Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty. — "The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided."

"All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the 'Repair Fund,' and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city in Massachusetts, or in first-mortgage bonds, or debenture bonds of railroads not mortgaged, of any railroad company incorporated under the authority of this Commonwealth, which has earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment."

"Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited, in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole Repair Fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

Reconveyance in Trust. — "A Proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot

to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report, which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone, as shown in Superintendent's report.

If any monument or headstones are added subsequent to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty* has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given herewith.

J. W. LOVERING,
Superintendent.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

Form for Clause in Will to bequeath Money for "Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty," of Lot.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. on the way called in said Cemetery.

Form for Clause in Will directing "Reconveyance of Lot to Corporation in Trust."

[*Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.*]

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial-place for myself and the following persons:

and no other interments to be allowed.

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS,

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES

FOR 1892.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING.
100 square feet.	$1.50	$1.00
200 " "	2.00	1.50
300 " "	3.00	2.00
400 " "	4.00	2.50
500 " "	5.00	3.00
600 " "	6.00	3.50
700 " "	7.00	4.00
800 " "	8.00	4.50

Larger lots at special rates.

Lots containing fractional parts of 100 feet will be charged the rate of the next larger size, when that fraction exceeds 50 feet.

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to Superintendent, Cambridge.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on lots, including cleaning monuments and headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge. Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single-chamber tombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded, and the necessary reinterments made, without charge, except for boxes, brick graves, resodding, or corner posts when required.

Orders for foundations for Monuments and Headstones should specify, either by diagram or accurate description, the exact location in the lot which is desired, and should be given ***at least two weeks before wanted.***

Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation, 5 Tremont Street.

BOSTON, Jan. 24, 1892.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the Horticultural Hall, Tremont Street, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 1, at 3 1-2 o'clock P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees, and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

L. G. FARMER, Secretary.